

## ON THE RIVER FRONT

## WATER RAPIDLY SHOALING IN ALEXANDRIA'S DOCKS.

Large Supplies of Ice Coming—Launch Diana Starts on Cruise—General Matters.

The freshets in the river have, it is stated, caused a rapid shoaling in the water in many of the docks at Alexandria. A leading merchant of that city at whose wharf ice vessels have been unloading for years past stated to a Star reporter Saturday that it had been his intention to have large schooners unload at the wharf again this season, but that when he went to investigate he found the water in the dock so shoal that a vessel of any size could not get in. He had thought to take light draft barges to unload. It is estimated that in the past two years the ice has been going on at the rate of eighteen to twenty-four inches per year. Large vessels that bring cargoes to Alexandria now have often to lie in the stream and have a part of their cargo taken out before they can be docked.

The schooner Francis M., with a cargo of over 1,200 tons of Kennebec ice aboard, has been unable to get in port and is lying at the 9th street wharf of the American Ice Company unloading her cargo. Ice also being sent to this city and Alexandria on barges. The large Baltimore, laden with ice, is lying at anchor in the stream off Alexandria, and the large Carolina is lying at anchor in the stream off Alexandria. They will come into port during the next week or ten days and will keep the supply of ice on hand large enough to meet all ordinary demands of the hot weather. The ice factories are working full time and are turning out large quantities of the artificial product.

**Fish and Oyster Market.**

The hot weather of the past two or three days has had a depressing effect on the wholesale fish market and this morning the demand for the fish was light. The supply received by the dealers from Chesapeake bay and the fisheries on the coast about Virginia Beach was small, and consisted mainly of trout and butterfish.

Hard-shelled crabs are rather more plentiful than they have been, but still the market is not so well stocked as it was. Soft crabs continue very scarce and are commanding good prices. The demand for shell fish of all kinds is light.

The large power launch Diana, Captain Davis, with her owner, Mr. Norment, and a party aboard, will leave at once for a cruise on the lower Potomac. She will visit Colonial Beach and the other resorts on the lower river before returning to port. Near the whole fleet of pleasure craft that were here left port Saturday night or yesterday morning for short cruises on the Potomac.

The steamer Wakefield on her trip up from the lower Potomac yesterday brought several hundred bushels of new wheat from Virginia and Maryland points to the mills here and at Alexandria. Vessels laden with the grain are also coming into port daily.

The work of cleaning up the tug George W. Price, which was sunk by the fire aboard her, has been started and the vessel will be made ready for repairs as soon as possible.

**Among the Freight Craft.**

The big seagoing tug Neptune of Baltimore came into port yesterday afternoon with a tow of four barges, the Mary E. Brady, Thos. J. Claver, M. C. McNelly and the Magnolia, laden with hard coal from Philadelphia for the dealers. The barges have been taken to Baltimore to unload their cargoes.

The four-masted schooner The Josephine, laden with phosphate rock from Charleston, has arrived at Alexandria, consigned to an Alexandria fertilizer company.

The three-masted schooner Brinkman is lying at Alexandria taking aboard a cargo of railway ties. Large numbers of ties are now being shipped from Alexandria to Boston and points in the north. The barkentine Emilia is at Smoot's wharf taking a cargo of ties aboard, and the schooner Future sailed from Alexandria last week with a cargo of about 20,000 ties aboard.

The schooner A. H. Quinby has arrived in port with a cargo of hard coal from Philadelphia for the dealers. The schooner C. C. Wheeler and Murray Vandiver, laden with pine lumber from Virginia ports, have arrived and are unloading their cargoes here.

The Lottie Carter, Emma Temple, Rita, Euclid are in port with cargoes of hard coal from the lower river for the local market.

The barge C. B. Russell is unloading a cargo of hard coal from Philadelphia at Alexandria.

The schooner Hattie Giles, with a cargo for Alexandria, came up the river Saturday and is lying at the wharf foot of Queen street to unload.

The schooner Belmont, laden with oak piling from a river point, came into port yesterday evening.

## ARMY UNIFORMS.

## Manner of Issuing the New Olive Drab Uniform.

With a view of absorbing the surplus stock of uniform clothing resulting from the adoption of the new uniform, the following instructions have been communicated to the army:

The troops serving in the United States, with the exception noted in paragraph IV of this order, will be equipped with the full-dress uniform consisting of dark blue caps with bands; dress coat, new pattern; collar ornaments; breast cord, and until exhausted with trousers of the pattern in use prior to the adoption of the new uniform. Collar ornaments, and breast cord. The issue of the coats and trousers to continue until available stock shall have been exhausted by issue.

All organizations heretofore provided with the entire new uniform will continue to be so equipped.

Organizations which have been furnished with the olive-drab service uniform only will continue to draw the same. All other troops will, until they can be supplied, continue to draw the articles issued prior to the adoption of the new uniform.

The issue of the olive-drab caps on hand will continue to all organizations which have not already been provided with the olive-drab caps. The olive-drab caps on hand shall have been absorbed.

Khaki cork helmets will until exhausted be worn with the khaki cotton service uniform by troops serving in the United States, except on occasions where the requirements of the service will necessitate the wearing of the campaign hat.

All troops are permitted to draw dark blue blouses, manufactured prior to the adoption of the new uniform, for wear when not on duty, if they so desire.

The issue of service trousers made of cotton khaki material will be continued until exhausted, except those of the pattern which have already been provided with breeches.

The following are the prices at which the articles of the pattern in use prior to the adoption of the new uniform specified in this order will be issued to the enlisted men:

Khaki cork helmets, \$1.00 each; sky-blue overcoats, all arms, \$6.44 each; blouses, lined, \$2.85 each; blouses, unlined, \$1.96 each; dark blue flannel shirts, \$1.53 each.

In view of the foregoing requirements all enlisted men of the army will hereafter be credited with the clothing money allowance specified in G. O. No. 103, W. D. June 15, 1904.

**The Highway Bridge Approach.**

A start has been made on the filling and grading of the embankment which is to form the Washington approach to the Highway bridge, now being built across the Potomac. A small force of hired scraper teams is engaged in removing the earth from the excess fill along the west slope of the Pennsylvania railroad bridge embankment and depositing it in place along the west side of the temporary roadway to the old Long bridge, which for its easterly half will become a part of the permanent approach to the Highway bridge.

**Change of Army Storehouse.**

The army quartermaster's storehouse and stables have been removed from North Capitol street to more commodious quarters at the corner of Eckington place and Florida avenue, near the proposed Union railroad terminal. The new location is more convenient for the handling of material, in addition to which the quartermasters are afforded more room for storage purposes, better facilities for handling goods and greater security against loss by fire.

**JAILER'S TIMELY DISCOVERY.**

Prevented a Jail Delivery at Elkins, W. Va., Last Night.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 18.—Jailer M. L. Gainer made a timely discovery last night and prevented a jail delivery at Elkins, W. Va. In the cell in which Wm. Alkire, charged with murder, W. S. Gilford, forger, and David Sweet, murderous assault, were confined two iron bars of a back window had been sawed off and a stone loosened so that it could be removed at any time. Everything was ready for the escape when the jailer appeared.

**The Hornet a Training Ship.**

The United States naval yacht Hornet, which saw service as a dispatch boat in the war between the United States and Spain, is lying at anchor in the river off Alexandria, and will, it is stated, remain there several days. The Hornet is now used as a training ship for landmen, and is stationed at Norfolk. The men are taken aboard, given hands, from along the inland waters of Maryland and Virginia, and under the training of the able seamen and

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Beginning the Year's Greatest Clearance Sale.

# Never in the History of This or Any Other Store Have Such Extraordinary Bargains Been Offered!

## Women's Made-up Wear—A Complete Clearance, Let the Loss Be What It May!

Of first and greatest interest in the Clean-sweep stock clearance are the offerings that are making the great second floor department, devoted to woman's wear, the center of interest and enthusiasm. Here we invite you to take advantage of offerings that we can confidently say have never been equaled—prices have been named that would not be considered possible in any store in the land. The "Clean Sweep" means exactly what it says—everything is to go at a price that will sell it without a moment's delay. Come prepared to take advantage of the greatest bargains ever offered—

## Summer-Weight and

## Wash Skirts.

Exquisite Tan, Gray and Cream Fancy Voile Skirts, with silk drop skirts, trimmed with bands of taffeta silk; sold at \$14.98...

Beautiful Voile Skirts, handsomely trimmed with silk novelty bands; some trimmed with silk bands; blue and black; \$10.98 value...

India Linen, P. K. and White Duck Skirts, handsomely designed with fine lace inserting, embroidery and covered buttons; value high as \$7.98; in sale at...

A sample lot of Black and Brown Brilliantine and Cheviot Skirts; match bands and covered buttons forming yoke effect; \$2.98 value...

Fine White Skirts in P. K. and sheer white linen; finely fashioned with embroidery and pleats; value high as \$3.49; in sale at...

Lot of Fine Black Brilliantine and Cheviot Skirts, mostly samples; qualities sold usually at \$7.98 and \$9.98; in sale at...

## Silk Waists, Silk Underskirts.

Cool and filmy White China Silk Waists that sell regularly up to \$4.98; beautifully designed front, collar and cuffs with Valenciennes lace inserting and clusters of tucks; also black peau de soie silk waists...

A large lot of fine Taffeta Silk Underskirts, in various colors; accordion pleated and ruffled; \$6.98 usually; Clean Sweep price...

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## Shirt Waist Suits.

Women's well-made Shirt Waist Suits of good quality batiste in many pretty styles, both light and dark effects; all sizes; these suits are excellent values at \$1.98; the clean sweep clearance puts the price down to...

Beautiful Shirt Waist Suits, made of finest white India linens, natural linens, dotted madras, &c., some handsomely designed with hemstitched tucks and box pleats, some with strapped seams and bias bands, natural linen with tucks edged with piping of red; every suit is tailored in the highest class manner, and most of them were made to sell and have always sold at \$6.98; take your choice now at...

An exquisite lot of our finest Shirt Waist Suits that sell high as \$8.98, including fine Irish linens, silk stripe madras, white India linens, &c., superbly trimmed with finest Valenciennes lace, embroideries, French knots, pleats and hemstitched effects; all the latest styles, including the newest skirt and habit backs. These suits are in the sale at the wonderful price of...

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## Out Go the Waists at Less Than Half Price.

Our plans call for the biggest and busiest sale we've ever had in our waist section—for the offerings brought about by the Clean-sweep Clearance are so out of the ordinary and the prices are so greatly below the lowest you've ever heard of, that few women will allow such chances to pass. Have you ever heard of anything to equal this?

39c. About 250 good quality Waists, white and colored, none of which has ever sold under \$1. Clean Sweep price, 39c.

98c. All the White Waists that have sold up to this time at \$2; many elegant styles and materials; 98c. for choice.

79c. All the fine White Waists that have sold at \$1.50—Madras, White Lawns, India Linens, &c.; all new and very desirable styles.

\$1.79 Choice from all the finest White Lawn Waists that have sold high as \$3.98; many exquisite effects to choose from.

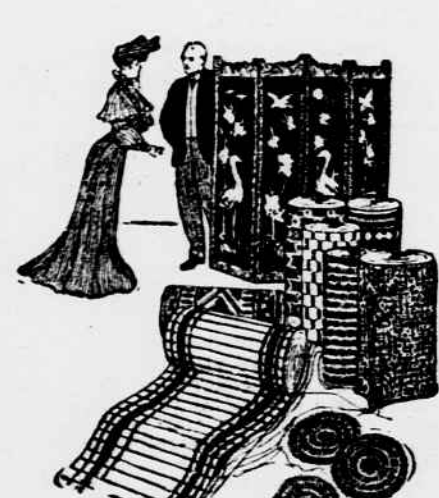
75c. Satin-stripe Natural Color Silk Pongees - - - 29c. yard.

This is one of the big leaders in the Dress Goods Department, and we are well within the truth when we say that such an offering has never before been, and will probably never again be, offered. In the lot you will find beautiful natural color Pongees, every thread pure silk, some with neat satin stripes, some with strips of open work. As the selling will be rapid, we'd suggest that you come promptly.

At 69c. Cheney Bros.' 24-inch Foulards, in light and dark grounds; all the wanted colors; dots, sprays and figures; values are positively \$1 and \$1.25; a big card in the Clean Sweep Sale at 69c.

At 33c. Lot of about ten pieces of fine Black Satin Liberty; 21 inches wide; light weight; sold always at 69c. yard; not more than one dress to a buyer at 33c. yard.

## A Gigantic Sale of Fine Mattings Slightly Wrapper-stained in Transit.



Another big Matting sale is making things lively in our great fourth floor matting section—in fact, the Clean Sweep Sale will afford no more extraordinary opportunity for money-saving than this. It's another great cargo of mattings that comes to us from a leading importer, in accordance with our contract to take all mattings damaged in transit. Every yard of the matting in this sale is as good as the day it was made, except for slight wrapper stains here and there. Here's the pricing that will make it the matting sale of the year—

3,000 yards of Mattings at 6 1/2c.  
2,100 yards of Mattings at 9 1/2c.  
1,800 yards